

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10-12 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10 and 12 have been withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects Claims 6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Publication No. 2001/0001587 to Lee in view of USP 6,163,443 to Hatagami et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants hereby enclose a translation and translator statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 as to priority application JP 10-341129 filed November 13, 1998 which antedates the December 21, 1998 filing date of Lee. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested as Hatagami et al. alone cannot be said to teach or suggest all the limitations of Claims 6 and 11.

As no further issues are believed to remain outstanding in the present application, it is believed that this application is in condition for formal allowance and early and favorable action to that effect is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

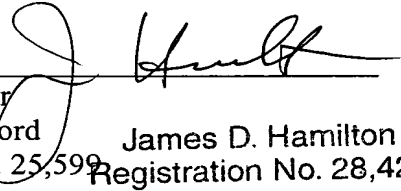
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